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Persuasive Essay Practice

Q: What is a Persuasive Essay?

A: *The purpose of a persuasive essay is to **convince** readers of his or her **opinion** on a certain subject.*

STEPS TO TAKE & Practice

Think about your topic. What do you think about it? How do you feel about it?
Write a paragraph with a statement of your opinion about the topic.

Topic:

“El Centro School Requires Students to Wear Uniforms”

Paragraph #1 Your Opinion of the Topic

What do you think about this statement? _____

How do you feel about it? _____



WRITING HINT: Use strong statements!

Examples:

☹ Boring: I don't like El Centro requiring us to wear uniforms.

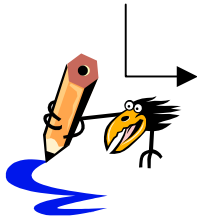
☺ Better: I think it is absolutely ridiculous that El Centro requires students to wear uniforms!

Paragraph #2 Logical reasons to support your opinion

1st logical reason: _____

2nd logical reason: _____

3rd logical reason: _____

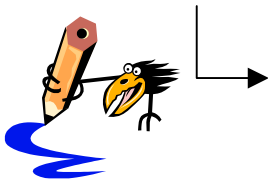


WRITING HINT: Give logical reasons, but also **use words that will create strong feelings for the reader!**

☹ Boring: Telling kids how to dress is wrong.

☺ Better: Schools are here to educate students and are not here to dictate to them how to dress!

Paragraph #3 Conclusion:



WRITING HINT: Your conclusion should restate your opinion, express the strong feelings of the writer, and motivate your reader to take action. Use feeling words.

☹ Boring: I don't like it, because it's not right.

☺ Better: Requiring uniforms in schools is not democratic and infringes on the rights of students!